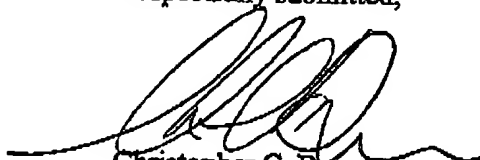


- Group I Claims 1-11 and 16-23, drawn to a guide block assembly, classified in class 425, subclass 190; and
- Group II Claims 12-15, drawn to a method for fabricating a guide block assembly, classified in class 219, subclass 69.12.

Applicants elect prosecution on the merits of the invention of Group I, claims 1-11 and 16-23, without traverse, and without prejudice to file one or more divisional applications under 35 U.S.C. §120 directed to the non-elected invention. Accordingly, claims 12-15 are withdrawn from further consideration and canceled, subject to reinstatement in the event the requirement for restriction is subsequently withdrawn or overruled. See 37 C.F.R. §1.142. Applicants request that any amendment of inventorship in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) be deferred until a Notice of Allowability is received.

As a result of Applicants' election of the invention to be examined, this response is fully responsive to the Office Action. If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-2167. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 not already accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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